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Comments on Proposed Rulemaking- Aviation Security: Passenger Manifest  
Information

The necessity for passenger manifest information is a direct result of the tragic bombing of Pan Am 103 and the incredible delay in information and misinformation surrounding this tragedy.

The families of Pan Am 103 have worked long and hard, first, for the investigation of the events surrounding the bombing which resulted in the President's Commission on Aviation Security and Terrorism and secondly, for the legislation(HR5732) that resulted from the recommendations of this commission. Therefore, the work of the families will continue to ensure that all the legislation is properly implemented. This includes Passenger Manifest Information.

I read with interest the negatives to the implementation of this process by the airlines such as extra counter space, increased processing **time, cost** and lack of computer capabilities to obtain and store data. I am not impressed with the airlines' concerns. I'm sure the traveling public would prefer to have this knowledge readily available, rather than muddle through a tragic situation as we were forced to do.

Another point to consider in this age of Terrorism is that the requirement of additional information would certainly deter certain terrorists activities.

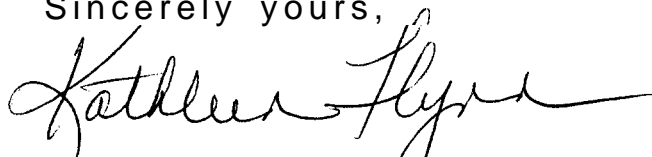
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The most obvious argument for a quick passenger manifest is so that the State Department would become the lead agency in dealing with this crisis rather than the airline who in the case of **PanAm** 103 contributed to the deaths of its passengers due to its lax security . Most people find it difficult to deal with and in fact, should not have to be subjected to this type of treatment, particularly in the early stages of a crisis.

The question is really not should or how passenger manifest information should be implemented, but when.

Thank-you for the opportunity to remark on this rulemaking.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Flynn". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

Kathleen R . Flynn  
Mother of J.P. Flynn  
**Murdered on Pan Am 103**